

Brescia University College
Department of History
2017-2018

History 2103 (530) OUTLINE
Life and Death in Renaissance and Reformation Europe

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Course Description:

These two centuries were unusually significant for the development of our European heritage. Threats to the social order appeared from every direction: unstable economies, social unrest, religious turmoil, the New World, urban growth, changing ideas about good governance, conflicts between the rulers and the ruled, shifting household relationships, and rising crime rates. There was great uncertainty in Western Europe during the early modern period, resulting in dramatic change and innovation within all aspects of life: political, cultural, religious, scientific, economic, social, professional and military. This course considers the challenges that faced early modern European society, how different regions dealt with these threats, and the interrelationships between these changes. A comprehensive treatment of two centuries and the numerous territorial units of the era will be impossible; however, the course addresses the major characters, pivotal ideas and significant issues in the political, social, economic, religious, scientific and cultural life of Western Europe (particularly in England, France, Spain, Italy, Germany and the Holy Roman Empire.)

As a secondary goal, this course aims to familiarize students with the concept of historiography. Historiography considers the way that history is written and the way in which historians interact with one another; it is a fundamental methodological tool of the historical discipline. Students will be challenged in lectures, in tutorials, and in written assignments to employ historiography as a means of developing their critical faculties and engaging in the wider debates of early modern European historians.

Anti-requisite: History 2403E

Course Requirements:

Mid-Term 1	20%	8 November 2017 in class
Mid-Term 2	20%	14 February 2018 In class
Final Exam:	30%	Final Exam Period – TBA
Participation:	10%	Tutorial Passport required: minimum 1 page & 3 Questions
Journal	20%	Weekly reflection Journal due 22 November 2017, 28 February & 9 April 2018

Required Course Texts (all paperbacks)

Used copies, many in mint condition may be available. Other assigned readings for discussion in tutorials will be available on-line through Western's electronic sources.

Cellini, Benvenuto. Autobiography. London: Penguin, 1998.

Davis, N.Z. The Return of Martin Guerre. Cambridge: CUP, 1983.

Mattingly, G. The Armada. (1st edn. 1959) New York: Mariner, 2005.

Rabb, T. The Struggle for Stability in Early Modern Europe. Oxford: OUP, 1975.

Rampolla, M. A Pocket Guide to Writing in History. Bedford/St.Martin's, (any edition)

Sobel, Dava. Galileo's Daughter: A Historical Memoir of Science, Faith, and Love. New York: Walker & Co., 1999.

On Reserve in Brescia Library:

Wiesner-Hanks, M. Women and Gender in Early Modern Europe, Cambridge: CUP, 2000 or later edition.

Recommended

Wiesner-Hanks, M. Early Modern Europe: 1450-1789. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006 or later editions.

SELECTED LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Includes a student's understanding, appreciation, synthesis & critical examination of:

SKILLS

1. Enhanced ability to read, understand, analyze & synthesize historical sources (*Critical Thinking/Problem Solving/Inquiry & Analysis*)
2. Engage in written and oral historical discussions (*Communication/Self Awareness and Development*)
3. Acquire greater confidence in summarizing and discussing your ideas in class and tutorials (*Communication/Self Awareness and Development*)

CONTENT

1. **Understand** the implications of the term 'Europe' during the early modern period and the geographical expression of various European countries over time
2. The characteristics of political, social, economic and religious life in pre-industrial Europe and an ability to compare them between 1500 and 1700

3. The significance of the Renaissance in sixteenth century Europe and its relationship to modern western culture
4. The Reformation: its impact and the very different experiences within Europe
5. The Catholic Reformation or response
6. The nature of violence & warfare in early modern Europe; changes 1500-1700
7. The importance of religion in early modern society and warfare
8. The role of monarchy in 16th century and the increased importance of the State
9. Understanding the explanations for and timing of the European Witch craze
10. The Spanish Empire: its rise and fall and the explanations
11. The rise of Absolutism in France and England
12. The Dutch Republican experience & the English experiment
13. Origins of English democratic government & the rise of Parliamentary power
14. To understand and explain international affairs and the shifts in the balance of power within Europe between 1500 and 1700
15. By the end of the course students will understand the concept of Europe in 1700 as compared to 1500. They will also be able to demonstrate and critically examine the ways in which life changed between 1500 and 1700 (e.g. the role of the church, the economy, society, the state, mobility - social and geographical)

LECTURE SCHEDULE 2017-2018

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| 1 | 11-13 Sept. | INTRODUCTION: THE MAKING OF EUROPE
Concepts of Time and Space; Levels of Violence |
| 2 | 18-20 Sept. | DEGREES OF PEOPLE: THE SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT OF EARLY MODERN EUROPE
I Urban Life and Rural Life |
| 3 | 25-27 Sept. | THE SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT:
II Noble Society, the Role of Women & Population Trends |
| 4 | 2-4 Oct. | FORCES OF CHANGE: EARLY MODERN ECONOMY
The Price Revolution; Rise and Fall of Commercial Capitalism
<u>Discuss:</u> Cellini 2 Oct |
| | 9-11 Oct. | Thanksgiving |
| 5 | 16-18 Oct. | THE EARLY MODERN STATE
The 16 th Century State; International Rivalries
<u>Discuss:</u> Popular Culture articles 16 Oct |

- 6 23-25 Oct. **THE NEW MONARCHIES**
Success and Failure
- 7 30 Oct-1 Nov. **THE DOMINANCE OF THE CHURCH; POPULAR
RELIGION AND RITUAL IN THE LATE MIDDLE AGES**
The Role of the Church; Popular Piety as an alternative
Discuss: Witchcraft articles 30 Oct
- 8 6-8 Nov. **EVERYDAY LIFE IN EARLY MODERN EUROPE**
Mid Term Exam # 1 8 Nov (20%)
- 9 13-15 Nov. **THE REFORMATION**
Martin Luther; Lutheranism; Spreading Reformation in Europe:
Zwingli; Anabaptists
- 10 20-22 Nov. **THE REFORMATION II: RELIGION AND THE STATE**
The German Princes; Gustav Vasa of Sweden;
Henry VIII and the English Reformation
- 11 27-29 Nov. **RESPONSES TO THE REFORMATION**
The Catholic Response: Spain and the Jesuits
Catholic Reform or Counter Reformation?
12. 4-6 Dec **SPAIN: THE FIRST WORLD POWER?
RISE & FALL OF SPAIN**
Discuss: The Armada 4 Dec

TERM II

13. 8-10 Jan. **HUMANISM & ITS CHALLENGES**
Erasmus and the Christian Humanists
14. 15-17 Jan. **FINDING EARLY MODERN MANUSCRIPTS**
Printing & Print Culture
Discuss: The Return of Martin Guerre 15 Jan.
Meet at Brescia Library 17 Jan
15. 22-24 Jan. **THE REFORMATION III: CALVINISM (PURITANISM)**
John Calvin: The Second Generation of Reform; Geneva
16. 29-31 Jan **ELIZABETHAN ENGLAND & PURITANS**
Elizabethan Religious Settlement; Elizabeth I the Virgin Queen;
England's Golden Age

17. 5-7 Feb. **DUTCH INDEPENDENCE**
Imperial Lands before Thirty Years' War
Discuss: Galileo's Daughter 5 Feb
18. 12-14 Feb. MID-TERM # II (20%) 14 Feb.
19-21 Feb. *****READING WEEK*****
19. 26-28 Feb. **THE FRENCH WARS OF RELIGION**
Founding the Bourbon Monarchy
20. 5-7 March **CRISIS AND RESISTANCE:**
Habsburg Lands before the Thirty Years' War
Holy Roman Empire
21. 12-14 Mar. **THIRTY YEARS' WAR**
The Impact and Consequences in Europe
A New European Equilibrium?
Discuss: New Warfare: A Military Revolution? 12 March
22. 19-21 Mar. **THE EUROPEAN ECONOMY**
The Seventeenth Century Economy; Dutch Golden Age
23. 26-28 Mar. **LAYING THE FOUNDATIONS OF ABSOLUTISM**
The Hapsburg Monarchy
Richelieu to Louis XIV
24. 2-4 Apr. **FRANCE UNDER LOUIS XIV**
Louis XIV's Personal Rule
Discuss: Rabb 2 April
25. 9-11 Apr. **EUROPE IN 1700 – A REVIEW**
FINAL EXAM April Exam period

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Tests/Examinations

Students are responsible for seeking accommodation with appropriate documentation, **prior** to writing tests/examinations, if they are of the view that their performance may be affected by extenuating circumstances. **NOTE: Contact Brescia's Senior Academic Advisors.**

Policy Regarding Essay Submission, Late Essays, and Written Work Not Submitted

1. A penalty of five (5) marks will be assessed for essays submitted the first day after the deadline.
2. A penalty of one (1) mark will be assessed for each subsequent day, including weekends.
3. No essays will be accepted after the 7th day beyond the deadline, including weekends.
4. Exceptions to the above provisions will be granted only on the basis of
 - (a) humanitarian grounds (**Note:** In fairness to all students, documented evidence will be required when a death or serious illness in the family has occurred);
 - (b) medical grounds for which written proof must be provided (**Note:** This may be submitted to the Dean's Office). **NOTE: Contact Brescia's Senior Academic Advisors.**
5. Computer breakdowns will not be considered under provision 4 (a).
6. A student who fails to submit all the required written assignments, which together make up the "Essay" component of the course, will not receive credit for the course.
7. Brescia is committed to Academic Integrity. All required papers are subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software at Turnitin.com (<http://www.turnitin.com>).

Support Services

To book an appointment with an Academic Advisor, call 519-432-8353 ext. 28266.

31 July 2017

2017-18 BRESCIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE ACADEMIC POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

1. POLICY REGARDING MAKEUP EXAMS AND EXTENSIONS OF DEADLINES

When a student requests academic accommodation (e.g., extension of a deadline, a makeup exam) for work representing 10% or more of the student's overall grade in the course, it is the responsibility of the student to provide acceptable documentation to support a medical or compassionate claim. All such requests for academic accommodation **must** be made through an Academic Advisor and include supporting documentation. Academic accommodation for illness will be granted only if the documentation indicates that the onset, duration and severity of the illness are such that the student could not reasonably be expected to complete her academic responsibilities. Minor ailments typically treated by over-the-counter medications will not normally be accommodated. Documentation shall be submitted as soon as possible to the student's Academic Advisor indicating the period of illness and when the student should be able to resume academic responsibilities. Students must submit their documentation along with a request for relief specifying the nature of the accommodation being requested no later than two business days after the date specified for resuming responsibilities. Appropriate academic accommodation will be determined by the Dean's Office in consultation with the student's instructor(s). Please note that personal commitments (e.g., vacation flight bookings, work schedule) which conflict with a scheduled test, exam or course requirement are **not** grounds for academic accommodation.

A UWO Student Medical Certificate (SMC) is **required** if a student is seeking academic accommodation on medical grounds. This documentation should be obtained at the time of the initial consultation with the physician/nurse practitioner or walk-in clinic. A SMC can be downloaded from: http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf. The student must request documentation sufficient to demonstrate that her ability to meet academic responsibilities was seriously affected. Please note that under University Senate regulations documentation stating simply that the student "was seen for a medical reason" or "was ill" is **not** adequate to support a request for academic accommodation.

Whenever possible, requests for academic accommodation should be initiated in advance of due dates, examination dates, etc. Students must follow up with their professors and Academic Advisor in a timely manner.

The full policy on requesting accommodation due to illness can be viewed at: <http://westerncalendar.uwo.ca/2017/pg117.html>

2. ACADEMIC CONCERNS

If you feel that you have a medical or personal problem that is interfering with your work, contact your instructor and Academic Advisor as soon as possible. Problems may then be documented and possible arrangements to assist you can be discussed at the time of occurrence rather than on a retroactive basis. Retroactive requests for academic accommodation on medical or compassionate grounds may not be considered.

If you think that you are too far behind to catch up or that your work load is not manageable, you should consult an Academic Advisor. If you consider reducing your workload by dropping one or more courses, this must be done by the appropriate deadlines (refer to the Registrar's website, <http://brescia.uwo.ca/academics/registrar-services/> or the list of official dates <http://westerncalendar.uwo.ca/2017/pg7.html>). You should consult with the course instructor and the Academic Advisor who can help you consider alternatives to dropping one or more courses. *Note that dropping a course may affect OSAP eligibility and/or Entrance Scholarship eligibility.*

The Dean may refuse permission to write the final examination in a course if the student has failed to maintain satisfactory academic standing throughout the year or for too frequent absence from the class or laboratory (<http://westerncalendar.uwo.ca/2017/pg130.html>)

3. ABSENCES

Short Absences: If you miss a class due to a minor illness or other problems, check your course outline for information regarding attendance requirements and make sure you are not missing a test or assignment. Cover any readings and arrange to borrow notes from a classmate. Contact the course instructor if you have any questions.

Extended Absences: If you have an extended absence, you should contact the course instructor and an Academic Advisor. Your course instructor and Academic Advisor can discuss ways for you to catch up on missed work and arrange academic accommodations, if appropriate.

4. POLICY ON CHEATING & ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following Web site: http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf.

Students are responsible for understanding the nature of and avoiding the occurrence of plagiarism and other academic offences. Students are urged to read the section on Scholastic Offences in the Academic Calendar. Note that such offences include plagiarism, cheating on an examination, submitting false or fraudulent assignments or credentials, impersonating a candidate, or submitting for credit in any course without the knowledge and approval of the instructor to whom it is submitted, any academic work for which credit has previously been obtained or is being sought in another course in the University or elsewhere. Students are advised to consult the section on Academic Misconduct in the Western Academic Calendar.

If you are in doubt about whether what you are doing is inappropriate or not, consult your instructor, the Student Services Centre, or the Registrar. A claim that "you didn't know it was wrong" is not accepted as an excuse.

The penalties for a student guilty of a scholastic offence (including plagiarism) include refusal of a passing grade in the assignment, refusal of a passing grade in the course, suspension from the University, and expulsion from the University.

Plagiarism:

Students must write their essays and assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea or a passage from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is a major academic offence (see Scholastic Offence Policy in the Western Academic Calendar).

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com (<http://www.turnitin.com>).

Computer-marked Tests/exams:

Computer-marked multiple-choice tests and/or exams may be subject to submission for similarity review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating. Software currently in use to score computer-marked multiple-choice tests and exams performs a similarity review as part of standard exam analysis.

5. PROCEDURES FOR APPEALING ACADEMIC EVALUATIONS

All appeals of a grade must be directed first to the course instructor. If the student is not satisfied with the decision of the course instructor, a written appeal signed by the student must be sent to the Department Chair. If the response of the department is considered unsatisfactory to the student, she may then submit a signed, written appeal to the Office of the Dean. Only after receiving a final decision from the Dean may a student appeal to the Senate Review Board Academic. A Guide to Appeals is available from the Ombudsperson's Office, or you can consult an Academic Advisor. Students are advised to consult the section on Student Academic Appeals under Academic Rights and Responsibilities in the Western Academic Calendar (<http://westerncalendar.uwo.ca/2017/pg112.html>).

Note that final course marks are not official until the Academic Dean has reviewed and signed the final grade report for the course. If course marks deviate from acceptable and appropriate standards, the Academic Dean may require grades to be adjusted to align them with accepted grading practices

(http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/exam/evaluation_undergrad.pdf and http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/exam/finalgrades.pdf).

6. PREREQUISITES

Unless you have either the prerequisites for a course or written special permission from your Dean to enroll in it, you will be removed from the course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisite(s).

7. SUPPORT

Support Services

The Brescia University College Registrar's website, with a link to Academic Advisors, is at <http://brescia.uwo.ca/academics/registrar-services/>. The website for the Student Development Centre at Western is <http://www.sdc.uwo.ca/>.

Mental Health and Wellness

Students may experience a range of issues that can cause barriers to your learning, such as increased anxiety, feeling overwhelmed, feeling down or lost, difficulty concentrating and/or lack of motivation. Services are available to assist you with addressing these and other concerns you may be experiencing. You can learn more about mental health and wellness at Brescia at <http://brescia.uwo.ca/life/mental-health-wellness/>. Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to Mental_Health@Western <http://www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth/> for a complete list of options about how to obtain help.

Sexual Violence

All members of the Brescia University College community have a right to work and study in an environment that is free from any form of sexual violence. Brescia University College recognizes that the prevention of, and response to, Sexual Violence is of particular importance in the university environment. Sexual Violence is strictly prohibited and unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Brescia is committed to preventing Sexual Violence and creating a safe space for anyone in the Brescia community who has experienced Sexual Violence.

If you or someone you know has experienced any form of Sexual Violence, you may access resources at <http://brescia.uwo.ca/life/sexual-violence/>.

Portions of this document were taken from the Academic Calendar, the Handbook of Academic and Scholarship Policy and the Academic Handbook of Senate Regulations. This document is a summary of relevant regulations and does not supersede the academic policies and regulations of the Senate of the University of Western Ontario.